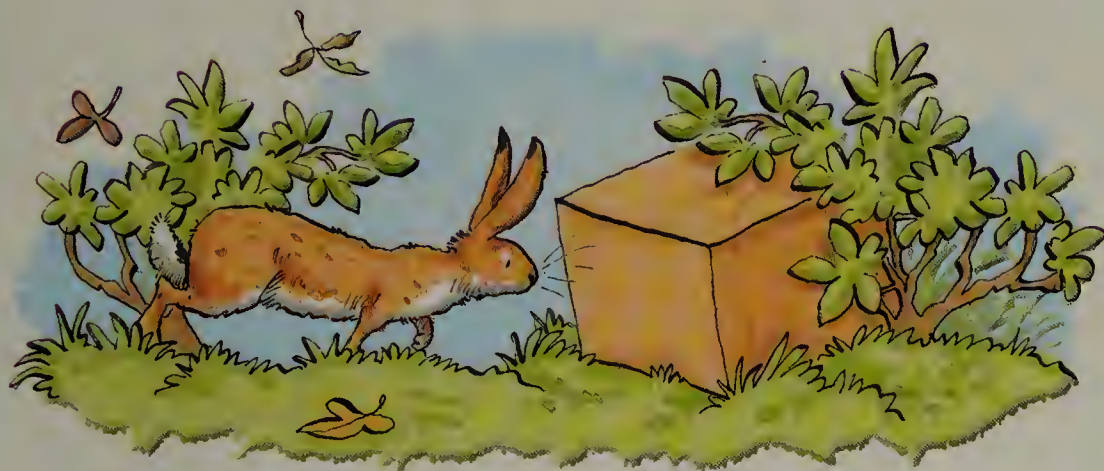


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Little Nutbrown Hare
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in the autumn wind.



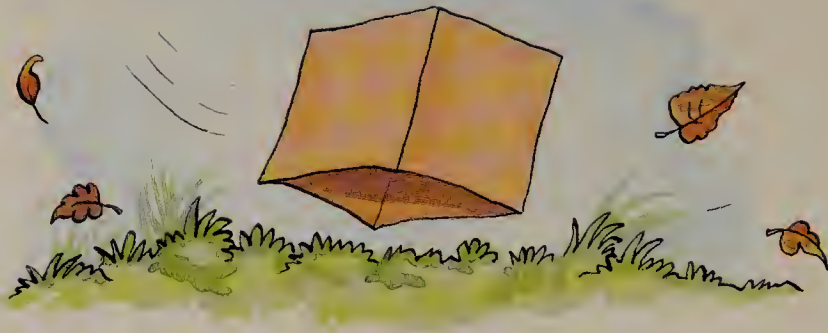
On a windy day
the leaves were blowing.





They chased after falling leaves
until Big Nutbrown Hare
could chase no more.

“I have to have a rest!” he said.

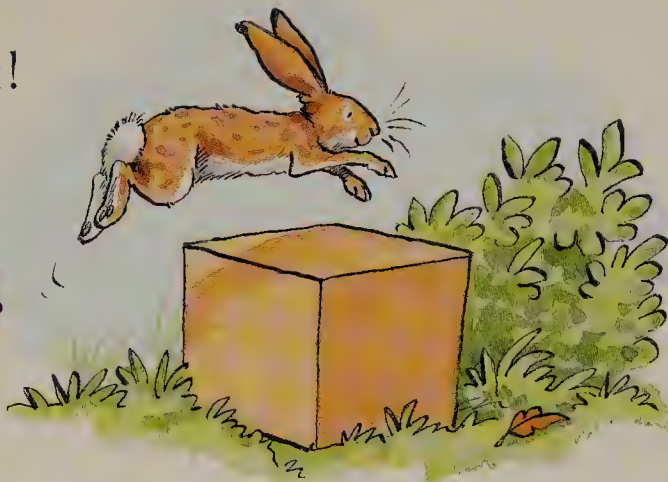


Then a big brown box came rolling
by, blown by the autumn wind.
Little Nutbrown Hare caught
up with the box when it got
stuck in a bush.

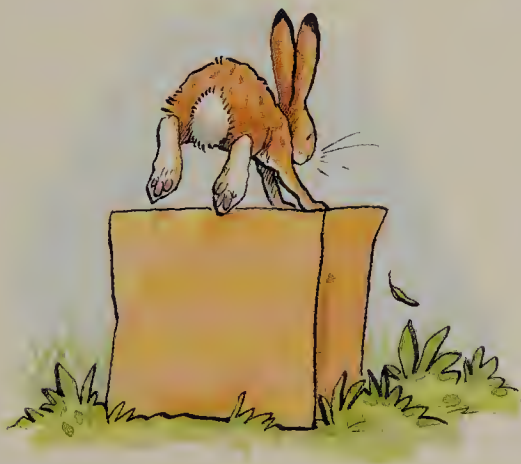


What a nice big box!

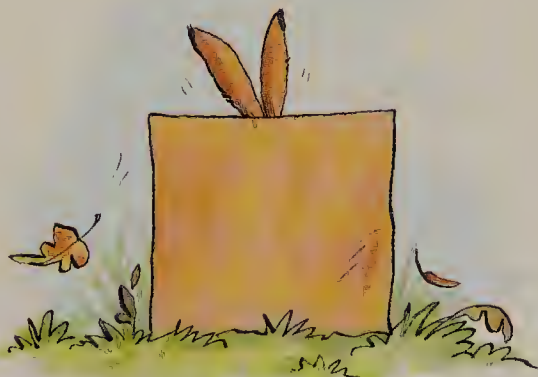
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jumping over . . .



jumping on . . .

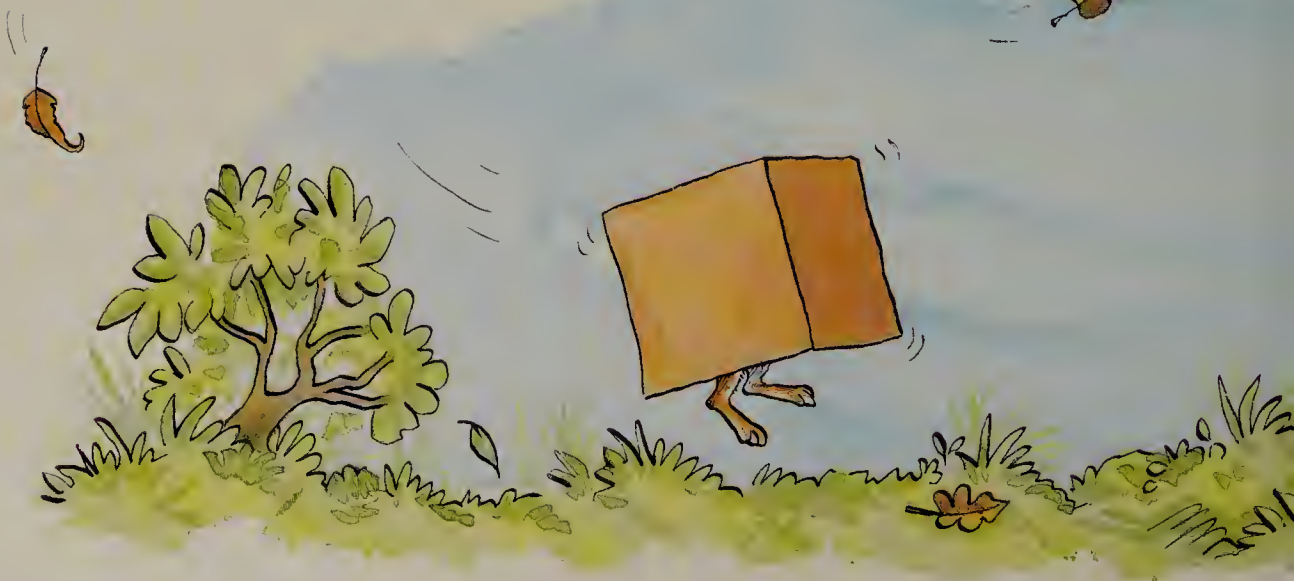


and jumping in.



Big Nutbrown Hare was resting
under a tree when a big brown
box appeared in front of him.
It gave one hop and then
stood absolutely still.

“I’m a box monster!”
shouted the box.



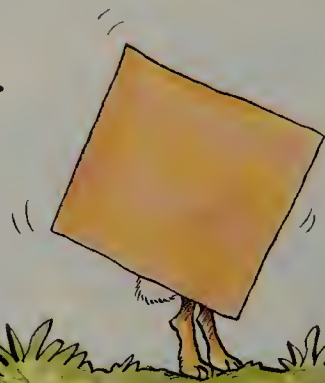
Goodness me!
Big Nutbrown Hare
wondered if he was
dreaming, for he had
never heard of a box
monster before.

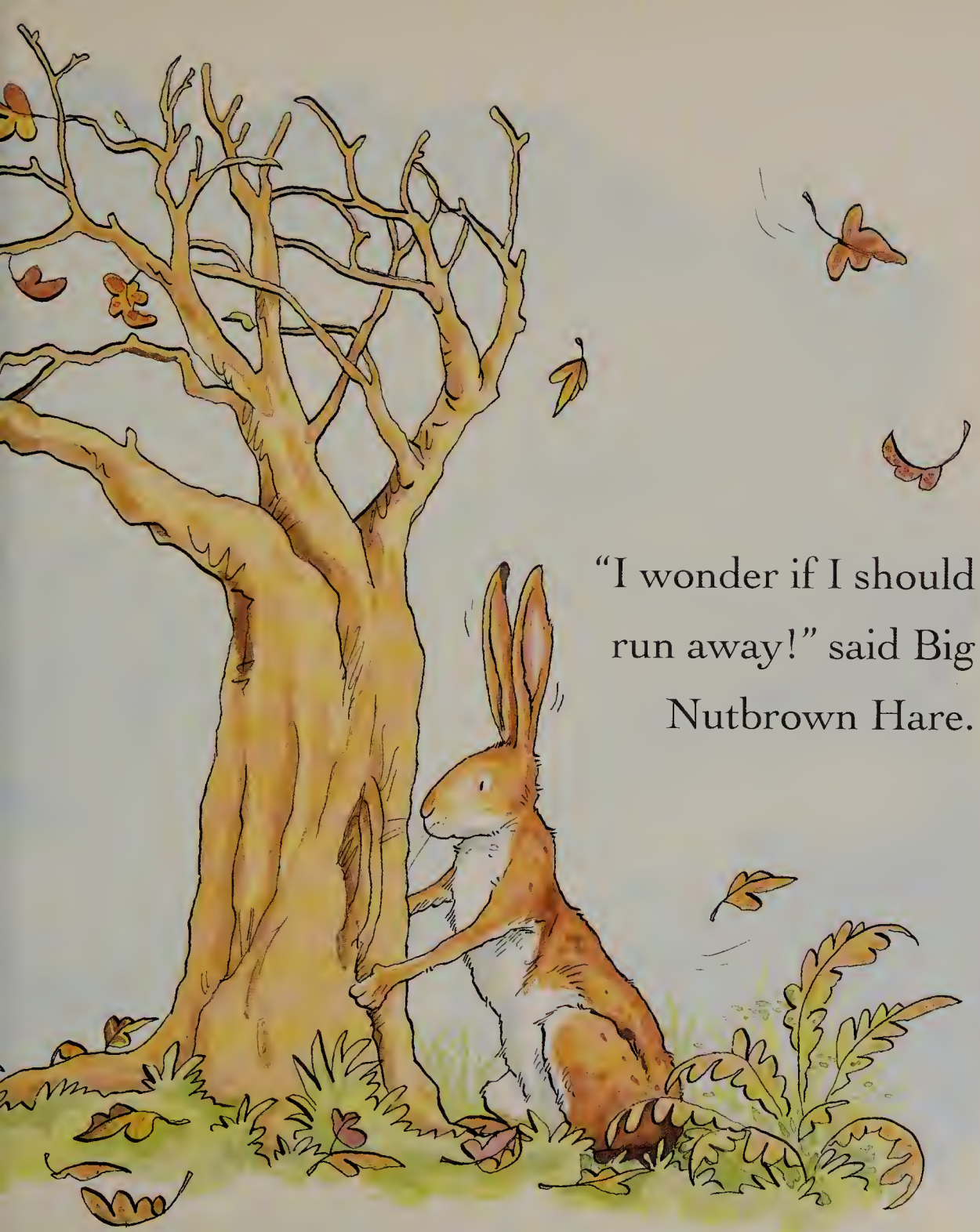




The box, or the monster —
or maybe the box monster —
took two hops forward.

“Here I come!” roared the box,
hopping its biggest hop yet.
Big Nutbrown Hare
jumped behind the tree.





"I wonder if I should
run away!" said Big
Nutbrown Hare.

“No!” shouted the box, which suddenly
flew into the air. “It’s only me!”

And there was Little
Nutbrown Hare,
who could hardly
stop laughing.



“You’re not a monster,”
said Big Nutbrown Hare.

“But guess what.”

“What?”





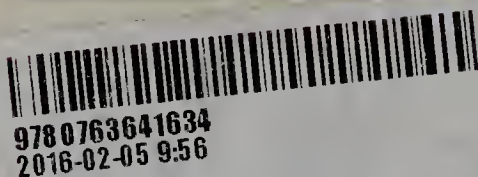
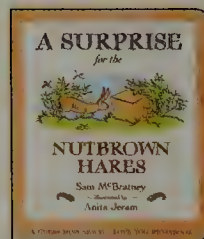
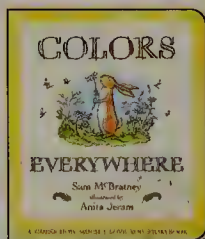
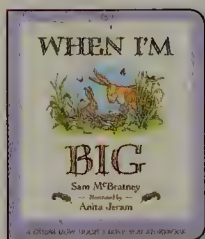
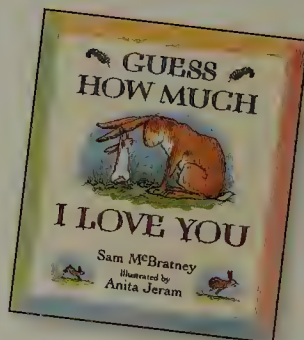
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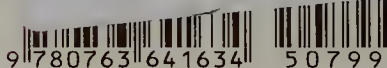


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